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1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	42	49	62	36	43	44	42	40	72	14	[6]
Wrong track.....	44	38	22	47	42	42	43	42	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	9	8	13	14	13	14	12	14	11	9	
Not sure.....	4	5	3	3	2	-	3	4	6	6	
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>		
	52	53	62	70	72	43	47	52	45		
	31	28	20	15	11	39	39	32	36		
	14	15	14	12	11	14	11	11	15		
	3	4	4	3	6	4	3	5	4		

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- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29-30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>High</u> <u>11/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/01</u>	
Approve.....	56	62	71	66	67	62	61	54	62	88	50	[7]
Disapprove.....	38	31	23	29	28	33	31	40	33	7	35	
Not sure.....	6	7	6	5	5	5	8	6	5	5	15	
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>11/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>		
	63	64	67	69	75	74	82	85	88	82		
	31	30	27	23	18	20	13	11	7	12		
	6	6	6	8	7	6	5	4	5	6		

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2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
Approve.....	45	48	49	44	47	48	48	49	[8]
Disapprove.....	48	44	42	49	45	44	43	43	
Not sure.....	7	8	9	7	8	8	9	8	
		<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
		57	61	63	63	50	51	52	
		34	30	27	25	38	33	27	
		9	9	10	12	12	16	21	

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2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
Approve.....	55	63	70	51	57	58	55	62	[9]
Disapprove.....	39	31	24	42	36	35	34	28	
Not sure.....	6	6	6	7	7	7	11	10	
		<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
		64	68	81	82	50	63	53	
		28	26	13	12	32	26	20	
		8	6	6	6	18	11	27	

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2d. When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
Approve.....	66	64	66	67	73	[10]
Disapprove.....	28	28	27	26	22	
Not sure.....	6	8	7	7	5	
		<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>		
		75	75	76		
		20	18	19		
		5	7	5		

3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	42	44	42	44	44	40	34	43	61	22	[11]
Disapprove.....	45	41	39	39	40	44	48	41	28	69	
Not sure.....	13	15	19	17	16	16	18	16	11	9	
		<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>		
		54	57	47	43	45	48	55	49		
		29	29	34	33	32	35	30	35		
		17	14	19	24	23	17	15	16		
		<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>		
		46	46	43	42	43	48	45	42		
		41	42	46	44	40	36	42	45		
		13	12	11	14	17	16	13	13		
		<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>		
		40	43	40	49	41	50	44	48		
		49	41	42	38	45	40	42	39		
		11	16	18	13	14	10	14	13		

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4. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very</u> <u>Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Negative</u>	<u>Very</u> <u>Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know</u> <u>Name/</u> <u>Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	[12]
May 2003.....	41	22	9	10	17	1	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
December 2002.....	38	24	14	12	12	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
September 2002.....	38	25	14	11	12	-	
July 2002.....	40	26	11	11	12	-	
June 2002.....	43	27	11	10	9	-	
April 2002.....	47	25	13	8	7	-	
January 2002.....	53	26	10	7	4	-	
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
April 2001.....	36	22	15	13	14	-	
March 2001.....	38	24	14	12	11	1	
<u>High</u>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<u>Low</u>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	

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Q.4 (cont'd)

Q.4 (cont'd)	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Republican Party							
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	[13]
May 2003.....	23	26	18	17	13	4	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
October 2002+.....	16	28	24	17	14	1	
September 2002.....	15	30	26	13	13	3	
July 2002.....	18	25	22	17	14	4	
June 2002.....	17	29	23	16	11	4	
January 2002.....	20	32	24	12	9	3	
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
June 2001.....	13	30	21	19	16	1	
March 2001.....	18	31	21	15	14	1	
January 2001.....	14	30	25	15	14	2	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	1	22	23	19	23	2	
The Democratic Party							
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	[14]
May 2003.....	11	25	28	18	15	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
October 2002+.....	12	27	27	20	12	2	
September 2002.....	12	26	30	17	12	3	
July 2002.....	10	29	25	21	13	2	
June 2002.....	10	27	27	18	14	4	
January 2002.....	16	33	23	15	11	2	
December 2001.....	18	30	26	14	9	3	
June 2001.....	15	31	24	17	11	2	
March 2001.....	17	27	24	16	14	2	
January 2001.....	21	26	22	16	13	2	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	
Tony Blair							
July 2003 *.....	30	32	14	6	4	14	[15]
George Tenet							
July 2003 *.....	2	13	16	7	1	61	[16]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.4 (cont'd)

Q.4 (cont'd)	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Hillary Clinton							
July 2003 *.....	16	21	20	13	27	3	[17]
March 2001.....	16	19	15	18	31	1	
January 2001.....	27	22	13	12	24	2	
December 2000.....	27	23	16	10	23	1	
October 2000+.....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+.....	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+.....	19	22	16	13	29	1	
April 2000+.....	18	22	18	12	27	3	
March 2000+.....	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000.....	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999.....	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999.....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
High							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
Low							
October 2000+.....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
Donald Rumsfeld							
July 2003 **.....	21	25	15	13	15	12	[18]
May 2003.....	25	24	14	9	12	15	
June 2002.....	23	24	19	8	6	20	
December 2001.....	30	26	16	4	3	21	
Colin Powell							
July 2003 **.....	42	33	14	7	2	2	[19]
May 2003.....	50	26	10	7	3	5	
December 2001.....	57	27	10	1	1	4	
April 2001.....	51	27	12	4	1	5	
March 2001.....	53	23	13	4	2	5	
January 2001.....	48	26	16	4	1	5	
April 1997.....	47	30	14	3	2	4	
August 1996+.....	30	35	20	5	3	7	
June 1996+.....	37	32	19	3	3	6	
May 1996+.....	35	30	19	5	3	8	
December 1995.....	28	33	24	5	4	6	
October 1995.....	21	33	28	6	2	10	
March 1991+.....	43	28	8	2	1	18	
February 1991+.....	46	22	8	2	1	21	
Howard Dean							
July 2003 **.....	5	10	16	5	9	55	[20]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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- 5a. If President Bush runs for re-election in 2004, do you think you will probably vote for President Bush or probably vote for the Democratic candidate?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
Probably vote for President Bush.....	45	47	52	41	42	45	[21]
Probably vote for Democratic candidate.....	36	32	24	34	28	31	
Vote for another party's candidate (VOL).....	3	2	4	3	4	3	
Depends on who opponent is (VOL).....	10	12	14	16	20	17	
Not sure.....	7	7	6	6	6	4	

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- 5b. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and Howard Dean were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

George W. Bush.....	52	[22]
Howard Dean.....	30	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Neither/other (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	8	

- 5c. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and Joe Lieberman were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? *

	<u>7/03</u> *	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
George W. Bush.....	51	53	50	[23]
Joe Lieberman.....	32	32	34	
Depends (VOL).....	2	3	3	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	5	5	
Not sure.....	8	7	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 5d. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and John Kerry were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote? **

	<u>7/03</u> **	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
George W. Bush.....	49	55	48	[24]
John Kerry.....	34	27	31	
Depends (VOL).....	1	2	4	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	6	3	
Not sure.....	9	11	14	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

6a-e. Now I'm going to mention the names of several people running for president. For each one, please tell me how likely you would be to vote for that candidate if he were on the ballot in November 2004, using a scale from 0 to 10, where "0" means you definitely would NOT vote for that candidate under any circumstances, and "10" means you definitely WOULD vote for that candidate, regardless of who else was on the ballot.

		Definitely Would Vote For Candidate		Definitely Would Not Vote For Candidate	Cannot	
	<u>Mean</u>	<u>8-10</u>	<u>3-7</u>	<u>0-2</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
George W. Bush.....	5.4	46	17	36	1	[26]
Joe Lieberman.....	3.7	13	44	34	9	[27]
John Kerry.....	3.6	11	35	34	19	[28]
Richard Gephardt.....	3.3	8	41	36	14	[30]
Howard Dean.....	3.3	8	37	37	18	[29]

7a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN." IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	17		[31]
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	Skip to Q.8a	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	12		
Strictly independent.....	15		
Independent/lean Republican.....	9		
Not very strong Republican.....	7	CONTINUE	
Strong Republican.....	21		
Other.....	6		
Not sure/nothing.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.7a.)

7b. If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

	<u>7/03</u>		<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
Vote in the Democratic primary.....	9	CONTINUE	9	6	8	6	8	[32]
Vote in the Republican primary.....	42		39	41	43	43	43	
Wait until the general election.....	43	Skip to Q.9a-d	46	44	46	43	42	
Neither/other (VOL).....	2		2	3	1	4	3	
Not sure.....	3		4	6	2	4	4	

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.7a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.7b.)

- 8a. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, do you think you would be more likely to vote for a Democrat who opposes most of President Bush's economic agenda and national security agenda, or for a Democrat who opposes President Bush's economic agenda, but agrees with the president on many national security issues?

Democrat who opposes economic and national security agenda.....	41	[33]
Democrat who agrees on many national security issues	48	
Neither (VOL).....	4	
It depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	5	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.7a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.7b.)

- 8b. Let me mention some people who might seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2004. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?**

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	[34]
Carol Moseley Braun.....	5	4	4	NA	NA	
Howard Dean.....	12	3	3	3	1	
John Edwards.....	4	5	4	7	3	
Richard Gephardt.....	11	16	14	17	14	
Bob Graham.....	4	4	3	6	NA	
John Kerry.....	14	17	13	14	16	
Dennis Kucinich.....	2	1	NA	NA	NA	
Joe Lieberman.....	25	21	19	25	20	
Al Sharpton.....	3	2	2	2	4	
None (VOL) ¹	7	6	14	5		
Other (VOL).....	-	1	1	1	6	
Not sure.....	14	21	23	20	22	

¹In December 2002, "None (VOL)" and "Other (VOL)" were one item.

9a-d. How would you rate George W. Bush on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating				Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1			
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president								
July 2003.....	42	17	16	8	16	-		[39]
May 2003.....	47	17	15	8	13	1		
January 2003.....	34	22	21	11	12	-		
July 2002.....	38	24	19	9	10	-		
January 2002.....	49	24	17	5	5	-		
April 2001.....	28	22	22	13	15	-		
January 2001.....	26	24	25	13	11	1		
December 1999.....	26	27	24	10	9	4		
Being honest and straightforward								
July 2003.....	35	16	18	8	22	1		[36]
May 2003.....	41	18	21	7	13	1		
January 2003.....	39	21	16	10	13	1		
July 2002.....	35	23	19	10	12	1		
April 2001.....	37	18	20	11	13	1		
January 2001.....	28	22	25	11	13	1		
Being a world leader in dealing with other countries								
July 2003.....	30	21	19	9	22	1		[38]
May 2003.....	38	19	15	8	18	1		
January 2003.....	25	24	23	11	17	-		
Having the right economic policies for the times								
July 2003.....	13	21	25	12	27	2		[37]
May 2003.....	18	21	25	11	23	2		
January 2003.....	13	20	29	16	21	1		
July 2002.....	14	25	34	13	12	2		

10a-h. Now I would like to mention a number of policy issues facing the country, and for each one, please tell me whom you would prefer to have set the country's policy in that particular area--President Bush and the Republicans, or the Democrats in Congress.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY
"PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE REPUBLICANS"

	President Bush And The Republicans	Democrats In Congress	Not Sure	
National security				
July 2003.....	63	28	9	[46]
The war on terrorism				
July 2003.....	63	29	8	[42]
April 2003.....	71	19	10	
January 2003.....	63	26	11	
Homeland security				
July 2003.....	61	30	9	[47]
Tax policy				
July 2003.....	46	45	8	[48]
April 2003.....	52	38	10	
January 2003.....	46	44	10	
The economy				
July 2003.....	43	49	8	[43]
April 2003.....	46	42	12	
January 2003.....	48	43	9	
Education				
July 2003.....	42	48	10	[44]
The cost of health care				
July 2003.....	35	53	13	[45]
January 2003.....	38	52	10	
Prescription drugs for seniors				
July 2003.....	33	51	16	[41]
April 2003.....	38	46	16	
January 2003.....	37	50	13	

Now I'd like to turn to foreign policy. ...

11. Do you think that the United States should or should not have taken military action to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u> ¹	<u>2/03</u> ²	
Should have taken military action.....	69	71	76	65	60	[49]
Should not have taken military action.....	27	24	17	30	27	
Not sure.....	5	5	7	5	13	
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>4/02</u> ³	
	56	59	60	58	57	
	36	30	31	30	28	
	8	11	9	12	8	

On March 17, 2003, this question was phrased, "Do you think that the United States should or should not take..."

² Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

³ In April 2002, this question was phrased, "Do you think that the United States should or should not take military action against Iraq and Saddam Hussein?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12. Do you think that the war in Iraq is generally over with most of the challenges behind us, or do you think that most of the challenges in Iraq remain ahead? *

	<u>7/03</u> *	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u> ¹	
Most of the challenges behind us.....	18	26	22	[50]
Most of the challenges remain ahead.....	75	70	71	
Not sure.....	7	3	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹In April 2003, this question was phrased, "most of the challenges in the war remain ahead"

- 13a-h. Now I'm going to read you some goals that the United States had in the war with Iraq. For each, please tell me whether you think that the United States has been successful in that goal.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY "SUCCESSFUL"

	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Not Successful</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Capturing high-ranking officials associated with Saddam Hussein				
July 2003.....	82	14	4	[58]
Removing Saddam Hussein from power				
July 2003.....	73	22	5	[56]
April 2003.....	78	13	9	
Minimizing Iraqi civilian casualties				
July 2003.....	68	24	8	[54]
April 2003.....	82	11	7	
Making the United States more secure				
July 2003.....	59	33	8	[55]
April 2003.....	62	30	8	
Minimizing American soldiers' casualties				
July 2003.....	57	37	7	[53]
Keeping the cost of the war under control				
July 2003.....	35	50	16	[59]
Forming a new, stable Iraqi government				
July 2003.....	26	60	14	[57]
Finding evidence of weapons of mass destruction				
July 2003.....	22	70	8	[52]
April 2003.....	36	53	11	

14. When it comes to the strength of Iraqi armed opposition, do you think that the Bush administration did or did not underestimate the situation?

Did underestimate the situation.....	44	[60]
Did not underestimate the situation.....	53	
Not sure.....	4	

15. Do you think that capturing or killing Saddam Hussein is necessary to successfully conclude the war in Iraq, or not?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	
Capturing or killing is necessary.....	67	61	[61]
Capturing or killing is NOT necessary.....	29	35	
Not sure.....	3	4	

16. Do you think that Iraq did or did not have weapons of mass destruction before the war in March?

Did have weapons of mass destruction.....	70	[62]
Did not have weapons of mass destruction....	21	
Depends/Not sure (VOL).....	9	

17. Do you think that the United States will or will not find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq?

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Will find weapons of mass destruction.....	46	60	[63]
Will not find weapons of mass destruction.....	41	32	
Depends/Not sure.....	13	9	

18. As you may know, Saddam Hussein's two sons were killed recently by American troops in Iraq. Do you think their deaths will increase, decrease, or not affect the number of future American casualties in Iraq? *

Increase the number of future American casualties.....	30	[64]
Decrease the number of future American casualties.....	29	
Not affect the number of future American casualties....	32	
Depends/Not sure (VOL).....	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

19. Do you think the deaths of Saddam Hussein's sons will make it easier, make it harder, or not affect the ability of American and coalition forces to establish a stable democratic government in Iraq? *

Easier to establish stable democratic government in Iraq.....	60	[65]
Harder to establish stable democratic government in Iraq.....	13	
Not affect ability to establish stable democratic government in Iraq.....	20	
Depends/Not sure (VOL).....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

20. Do you think it will or will not be possible to establish a stable democratic government in Iraq?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	[66]
Possible to have stable democratic government.....	57	54	
Not possible to have stable democratic government....	28	37	
Depends/Not sure (VOL).....	15	9	

21. Do you think President Bush gave the country the most accurate information he had before going to war with Iraq, or do you think President Bush exaggerated information to make the case for war with Iraq?

Gave the most accurate information he had.....	48	[67]
Exaggerated information to make the case for war.....	47	
Depends/Not sure (VOL).....	6	

22. Do you think Democratic charges that the Bush administration gave misleading claims about Iraq's weapons programs before the war are mostly legitimate criticism, or do you think the Democrats are mostly playing politics?

Mostly legitimate criticism.....	30	[68]
Mostly playing politics.....	56	
Some of both (VOL).....	7	
Not sure	7	

23a-c. Now let me read you a short list of people and institutions that have played a role in the war with Iraq. For each, please tell me whether the war and related events since then have increased, decreased, or not really affected your trust in them. (IF "INCREASED" OR "DECREASED," ASK:) Has it (INCREASED/DECREASED) somewhat, or a great deal?

	Trust Decreased A Great Deal	Trust Decreased Somewhat	Trust Not Really Affected	Trust Increased Somewhat	Trust Increased A Great Deal	Don't Know Enough/ Not Sure	
President Bush.....	20	17	24	18	19	3	[71]
The president's foreign policy and national security advisors.....	17	20	26	19	13	5	[72]
The U.S. intelligence community	14	29	27	17	7	7	[73]

24. When it comes to how long American troops should stay in Iraq, which comes closer to your view?

Statement A: American troops should be withdrawn from Iraq now or as soon as possible.

Statement B: American troops should be withdrawn from Iraq according to a specified timetable and leave within the next 18 months, regardless of the situation at that time.

Statement C: American troops should stay as long as necessary to complete the process, even if it takes as long as five years.

Statement A /As soon as possible.....	17	[74]
Statement B /According to specified timetable, but within 18 months.....	23	
Statement C /As long as necessary, even if five years.....	58	
Not sure.....	3	

25. The United States' decision to go to war against Iraq represents a change of military policy from one in which we respond to military actions by hostile countries to one in which we initiate military action when there is a threat of hostility. Do you agree or disagree with this new military policy? **

	7/03 **	4/03	
Agree.....	55	63	[75]
Disagree.....	36	25	
Not sure.....	8	12	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

26. Which of the following should be the top foreign policy priority for President Bush and his administration?
(READ ITEMS. IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	
The problem of nuclear weapons in	19		[76]
North Korea.....		24	
Peace negotiations between Israel and	14		
the Palestinians.....		21	
Rebuilding Iraq.....	10	8	
Rebuilding Afghanistan.....	2	2	
Completing the war on terrorism.....	26	21	
Dealing with states that border Iraq, such	4		
as Iran and Syria.....		5	
All equally important (VOL).....	19	12	
None of these (VOL).....	3	3	
Not sure.....	5	5	

27. If the United States government produces proof that North Korea is building nuclear weapons, do you think we should or should not take military action to destroy its nuclear weapons facilities? **

Should take military action.....	41	[77]
Should not take military action.....	41	
Depends (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

28. If the United States government produces proof that North Korea is building nuclear weapons, do you think we should or should not provide foreign aid and more trade opportunities to North Korea in exchange for its disarming itself of nuclear weapons? **

Should provide aid in exchange for its	53	[78]
disarming.....		
Should not provide aid in exchange for its	39	
disarming.....		
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

29. The West African nation of Liberia, which was founded by former U.S. slaves, has recently experienced growing poverty and civil war. The United Nations wants to negotiate a ceasefire in this war and send armed peacekeepers to enforce it. Would you approve or disapprove of sending a thousand American soldiers to Liberia as part of a UN peacekeeping force?

Would approve of sending American soldiers.....	58	[79]
Would disapprove of sending American soldiers..	35	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	4	

Turning to the economy . . .

30. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u> ¹	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	<u>12/91</u>	[80]
Economy has gotten better.....	23	18	6	7	17	6	2	3	
Economy has gotten worse.....	42	44	65	57	44	73	78	74	
Economy has stayed about the same.	34	36	28	35	38	20	19	22	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	
		6	8	9	11	8	3	3	
		67	57	64	54	64	73	72	
		26	33	26	35	27	23	24	
		1	2	1	-	1	1	1	
	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
	6	11	11	12	12	12	15	18	
	57	37	36	30	30	29	34	23	
	35	51	52	56	56	57	49	57	
	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	

¹Prior to April 2001, this question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

31. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	[81]
Economy will get better.....	45	49	35	40	41	39	41	
Economy will get worse.....	16	16	25	20	20	18	20	
Economy will stay about the same.....	34	32	37	35	34	39	37	
Not sure.....	4	3	3	5	5	4	2	
	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u> ¹	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
	50	50	36	28	17	19	19	
	13	15	25	29	24	22	22	
	32	32	34	37	54	53	57	
	5	3	5	6	5	6	2	
	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	
	21	20	24	31	31	28	28	
	21	21	23	17	24	24	17	
	52	54	50	46	40	44	52	
	6	5	3	6	5	4	3	
	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	
	27	29	44	43	21	23	20	
	21	16	16	19	27	24	29	
	49	52	36	34	50	51	48	
	3	3	4	4	2	2	3	
	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>	
	23	33	39	50	53	32	31	
	27	21	15	9	10	20	24	
	47	44	43	39	35	45	40	
	3	2	3	2	2	3	5	

¹Prior to April 2001, this question was phrased, "During the next year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

32. I'd like you to rate economic conditions in America using a ten-point scale, on which a "1" means economic conditions are very bad, and a "10" means economic conditions are very good. You may use any number from one to ten, depending on how you feel. Using this ten-point scale, how would you rate economic conditions in America today?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/97</u>	
10, very good.....	1	1	3	[82]
9.....	1	1	3	
8.....	7	8	17	
7.....	15	18	24	
6.....	16	19	17	
5.....	25	22	21	
4.....	15	15	8	
3.....	9	9	3	
2.....	4	2	1	
1, very bad.....	6	5	2	
Cannot rate.....	1	-	1	
MEAN.....	5.1	5.3	6.2	

33. When it comes to you and your family, have you been more affected by the decline in the stock market, or more affected by the decline in economic conditions, such as job layoffs and loss in overtime? If neither has affected you and your family, please just say so.

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
Decline in the stock market.....	28	31	32	37	35	31	[83]
Decline in economic conditions.....	34	36	36	26	35	38	
Neither.....	31	26	26	31	25	28	
Both equally (VOL).....	6	6	5	5	4	3	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	-	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

34. In terms of the country's economic condition, which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
The country is currently in an economic recession and will come out of it in the next twelve months.....	35	40	40	37	[84]
The country is currently in an economic recession and will continue to be in the next twelve months.....	40	39	41	43	
The country is not currently in an economic recession but will be within the next twelve months.....	4	4	5	5	
The country is not currently in an economic recession and will not be in the next twelve months.....	17	14	11	11	
Not sure.....	5	4	3	4	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

35. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? (READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be? *

	<u>7/03*</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	
Unemployment.....	41	25	13	11	10	35	35	33	37	40	
The federal budget ¹	14	11	9	9	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
The stock market ²	8	28	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Federal taxes.....	7	8	11	14	11	11	12	10	8	11	
Energy prices.....	7	6	38	35	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Inflation.....	5	6	10	8	8	6	8	6	5	6	[85]
Interest rates.....	2	3	5	5	6	5	4	2	2	2	
All equally important (VOL).....	15	11	7	10	12	4	6	5	5	7	
None (VOL).....	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	
	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>	
	43	40	37	40	44	44	44	46	46	37	
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	12	11	10	11	9	7	5	5	5	7	
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	5	8	8	6	4	7	7	6	7	11	
	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	
	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	5	8	10	
	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased, "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

² Prior to July 2002, the item was phrased, "The decline in the stock market"

36. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing you and your family? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be? **

Health care costs.....	24	[86]
High taxes.....	16	
Unemployment due to downsizing.....	13	
The stock market.....	9	
Losing your job to overseas competition or automation.....	7	
Energy prices.....	6	
Pension security.....	3	
Housing values.....	3	
All equally important (VOL).....	12	
None (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	-	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

37. Please tell me whether the following statement applies to you personally: "I have at least five thousand dollars invested in mutual funds or stocks."

	<u>7/03</u>		<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	
Applies.....	50	CONTINUE	54	52	55	55	53	49	[87]
Does not apply.....	46	Skip to Q.39	44	46	43	43	44	47	
Not sure.....	3		2	2	2	2	3	4	
				<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
				49	49	52	49	51	
				49	49	46	49	45	
				2	2	2	2	4	

+Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE AT LEAST \$5,000 INVESTED IN Q.37.)

38. At this time, are you confident or not that confident about investing in the stock market?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
Confident.....	42	39	36	31	32	31	[88]
Not that confident.....	54	57	60	67	64	65	
Not sure.....	4	4	4	2	4	4	

+Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

39. Do you think the recently passed tax cuts will help the economy, hurt the economy, or not have any significant effect?

Will help economy.....	33	[89]
Will hurt economy.....	18	
Will have no significant effect.....	44	
Will have mixed effects (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	5	

40. How effective do you think the Bush administration's economic plan has been in helping strengthen the economy during the past two-and-a-half years – very effective, somewhat effective, only a little effective, or ineffective?

Very effective.....	6	[90]
Somewhat effective.....	32	
Only a little effective.....	28	
Ineffective.....	31	
Had mixed effects (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

41. Which do you think should be a greater priority for the President and Congress this year--stimulating the economy or controlling the federal budget deficit?

	<u>7/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
Stimulating the economy.....	60	72	67	56	[91]
Controlling the federal budget deficit.....	35	22	29	24	
Some of both (VOL).....	NA	NA	NA	19	
Not sure.....	5	6	4	1	

I'd like to turn briefly now to health care policy and a couple of other subjects . . .

42. Have you read, seen, or heard anything about Congress debating a prescription drug benefit for Medicare?

Yes, have read, seen, or heard about Medicare drug benefit	71	[92]
No have not read, seen, or heard about Medicare drug benefit.....	28	
Not sure.....	1	

43. Congress is currently debating plans to help pay a portion of prescription drug costs for senior citizens and certain disabled people who are insured under Medicare. Do you think that Congress and President Bush should or should not pass the Medicare prescription drug plans that Congress is currently debating?

Should pass Medicare prescription drug plans.....	70	[93]
Should not pass Medicare prescription drug plans.....	15	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	10	

44. Do you think the plans that Congress is debating would or would not adequately deal with the issue of prescription drug costs for senior citizens and others covered by Medicare?

Would adequately deal with the drug cost issue.....	34	[94]
Would not adequately deal with the drug cost issue.....	43	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	20	

45. Which type of Medicare program would you personally prefer – one in which the federal government provides your insurance for medical treatments, or one in which you could choose a private company that uses Medicare money to provide your insurance for medical treatments?

Federal government provides your Medicare insurance.....	25	[95]
You could choose a private company for Medicare insurance....	67	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	6	

46. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into same-sex marriages? *

Favor allowing same-sex marriages.....	32	[96]
Oppose allowing same-sex marriages.....	51	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

47. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that are not marriages, but that would give them many of the same legal and financial relationships as married couples? *

Favor allowing gay couples to enter into legal agreements.....	53	[97]
Oppose allowing gay couples to enter into legal agreements.....	34	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	11	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

48. Voters in a number of states have enacted term limits, which restricts the number of years state legislators or governors can serve in office before they must step down. Some people think term limits is a good idea that keeps public officials from staying in office too long and losing touch with the concerns of average voters. Others think term limits is a bad idea that puts inexperienced people in office and prevents voters from re-electing capable legislators. Whom do you agree with more – those who think term limits is a good idea, or those who think it's a bad idea? **

Think term limits is a good idea.....	67	[98]
Think term limits is a bad idea.....	27	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

49. As you may know, AmeriCorps is a federal program that helps pay college tuition for young people after they complete community service jobs. Because of federal budget considerations, this program, like many others, is facing significant cuts in the federal funding it receives. Do you think that Congress should restore the full funding of the AmeriCorps program, or do you think that this program, like others, is a necessary place to cut funding? **

Congress should restore full funding.....	53	[99]
Program, like others, is a necessary place to cut funding.....	33	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

FACTUALS: Now I'm going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you live now, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes, registered.....	85	[100]
No, not registered.....	14	
Not sure.....	1	

- F2. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	19	[101]
White-collar worker.....	21	
Blue-collar worker.....	18	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	2	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	21	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	7	
Other.....	5	
Not sure.....	1	

- F3. Did you happen to vote in the 2000 presidential election? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote-- George W. Bush, the Republican, Al Gore, the Democrat, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

Yes, Voted		
Voted for George W. Bush.....	45	[102]
Voted for Al Gore.....	30	
Voted for Ralph Nader.....	2	
Voted for Pat Buchanan.....	1	
Voted for other candidate (VOL).....	-	
Not sure who voted for (VOL).....	1	
No, Did Not Vote		
No, was too young to vote (VOL).....	2	
Not Sure/Refused	3	

- F4. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	50-54.....	10	[103]
25-29.....	8	55-59.....	7	
30-34.....	10	60-64.....	6	
35-39.....	9	65-69.....	5	
40-44.....	10	70-74.....	5	
45-49.....	13	75 and over.....	7	
		Refused.....	1	

- F5. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	-	[104]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	26	
Some college, no degree.....	17	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	4	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree....	11	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

- F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	21	[105]
Moderate.....	37	
Conservative.....	37	
Not sure.....	5	

- F7. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	20	[106]
Married.....	58	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed.....	8	
Divorced.....	11	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

- F8a. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	26	CONTINUE	[107]
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Catholic.....	30	
Jewish.....	2	Skip to Q.F8c
Muslim.....	-	
Other.....	34	
None.....	6	CONTINUE
Not sure/refused.....	3	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F8a.)

F8b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	18	[108]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	40	
Not sure.....	10	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8a).....	32	

F8c. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	19	[109]
Once a year.....	7	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	9	
About twice a month.....	9	
Once a week or more often.....	36	
Not sure.....	4	

F9. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?**

Labor union member.....	11	[110]
Labor union household.....	5	
Non-union household.....	82	
Not sure.....	3	

F10a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	7	[111]
No, not Hispanic.....	92	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F10b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	76	[112]
Black.....	9	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	5	
Hispanic (VOL).....	5	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F11. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	[113]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	10	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	11	
More than \$100,000.....	13	
Not sure/refused.....	11	